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3 By Representatives Moore (M) and Rogers  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 SUPPORTING THE ORGANIZATION AND EFFORTS OF THE  
9 MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL SURVIVORS TO END SCHOOL  
10 GUN VIOLENCE.  
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12 WHEREAS, a former student, who had been expelled due  
13 to behavioral issues, entered Marjory Stoneman Douglas High  
14 School in Parkland, Florida, on February 14, 2018, with a  
15 military-style weapon and began intentionally shooting people  
16 inside the school; his actions killed 17 students and  
17 employees and injured many others; it was determined that the  
18 shooter legally purchased the weapon and there had been  
19 numerous warnings regarding the shooter's mental status and  
20 behavior; and

21 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of that tragedy, some of  
22 the surviving students of the high school have organized to  
23 speak out against gun violence in schools and have become  
24 highly visible vocal advocates for school safety and ending  
25 school gun violence; they have taken their impassioned pleas  
26 for school safety to adults in leadership and authority in

1 government, including the State Capitol in Florida and the  
2 Capitol of the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, the voices of these students, who have  
4 experienced gun violence and trauma at school, seek respectful  
5 conversations with legislators and congressmen and are being  
6 heard on media across the country and the world; the students  
7 emphasize that they are not seeking disruptive protests or  
8 attempting to start arguments and fights; they emphasize that  
9 they are simply demanding that lawmakers listen and take  
10 immediate action to prevent future school shootings by making  
11 tighter regulations to prevent gun violence and address  
12 related mental health issues; and

13 WHEREAS, rallying for lawmakers to make new laws,  
14 the students are posing tough questions to the adults in  
15 charge; their efforts are organized and focused to demand  
16 action to seek solutions to end school gun violence; and

17 WHEREAS, the role played by these outstanding  
18 students in calling for action is proudly recognized and  
19 respected; we extend our admiration to these exceptional  
20 students for their exemplary actions seeking involvement of  
21 everyone to address the school gun violence problems we face  
22 as a nation; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the students of Marjory  
25 Stoneman Douglas High School of Parkland, Florida, are  
26 commended for their attitudes, efforts, leadership, and  
27 actions following the tragedy of February 14, 2018. We

1 recognize and support their efforts to reduce school gun  
2 violence and the method they are employing to bring attention  
3 and action to this cause.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
5 resolution be provided to the President of the United States,  
6 the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House  
7 of Representatives and the United States Senate, and to the  
8 members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation that they may  
9 know of our deep concerns regarding these matters.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
11 resolution shall also be provided to Marjory Stoneman Douglas  
12 High School, so that the students may know of our concern and  
13 support for their efforts to make schools safe.